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FOR: PROMOTER IN THE PRESENCE  
OF ORGANIC ACID AND UTILIZATION  
THEREOF

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.